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SUMMARY: JORGE CAMPINOS, MEMBER FONMIN'S PERSONAL STAFF, HAS TOLD EMBOFF OF NEW GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE FOR CLOSE TIES TO US AND ITS NEED FOR AMERICAN SUPPORT, BOTH MATERIAL AND MORAL. NEW GOP HOPES TOP US OFFICIALS, SPECIFICALLY SECRETARY KISSINGER, WILL RECEIVE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

1. IN LENGTHY INTERVIEW JUNE 3, PROF. JORGE CAMPINOS, CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MARIO SOARES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, DESCRIBED TO S/P MEMBER SPIRO AND EMBOFF IMPORTANCE TO NEW PORTUGUESE REGIME, AND ESPECIALLY TO DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS WITHIN IT, OF WESTERN AND PARTICULARLY US SUPPORT. IN THAT CONTEXT HE VIEWED VISIT OF DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL (REFTEL) AS MOST OPPORTUNE. MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO PORTUGAL, HOWEVER, IS VISIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF APPROVAL BY US. BEYOND THAT, PORTUGAL HOPES US WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL AID IN A "MARSHAL PLAN" FOR PORTUGAL. ASSISTED BY THE US TO BECOME ECONOMICALLY AND FINANCIALLY STRONG, PORTUGAL WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE WEST AND THE EVENTUALLY INDEPENDENT PORTUGUESE AFRICAN STATES, THUS KEEPIN THE LATTER LINKED TO THE WEST.

2. PROF. CAMPINOS SAID THAT PORTUGAL FEELS IT IS TOO SMALL AND UNIMPORTANT TO ENTERTAIN THE THOUGHT OF INVITING SECRETARY KISSINGER TO LISBON, THOUGH SUCH A VISIT WOULD IDEALLY SUIT THEIR PURPOSES. HOWEVER, FONMIN SOARES WILL ATTEND OTTAWA NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING, AT WHICH PORTUGUESE HOPE HAVE CONTACT WITH SECRETARY AND POSSIBLY ARRANGE FOR MEETING SOME WEEKS THEREAFTER IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN SOARES OR OTHER GOP REPRESENTATIVE AND TOP US OFFICIALS, SPECIFICALLY SECRETARY KISSINGER. SUCH A MEETING WOULD PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT BOOST TO THE DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS IN THE NEW GOP AND, AT SAME TIME, WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN GREATER DETAIL ASSISTANCE PORTUGAL SEEKS FROM
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US.

3. SPIRO REPLIED THAT US IS GENERALLY COOL TO THE IDEA OF MERELY SYMBOLIC MEETINGS. HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS REQUIRE ADVANCE PREPARATIONS WHICH OLD OUT HOPE OF SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS. CAMPINOS SAID FONMIN WOULD BE PROVIDING AMBASSADOR THEMIDO WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMENCE SUCH PREPARATIONS. HE NOTED IN THIS CONTEXT THAT GOP HAD DECIDED LEAVE THEMIDO

IN WASHINGTON AT A TIME WHEN OTHER GOP REPS BEING SHUFFLED
PRECISELY IN ORDER TO UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE WITH
WHICH THEY VIEW GOP-US RELATIONS AND THEIR DESIRE FOR
CONTINUITY IN THAT RELATIONSHIP.

4. TO SPIRO'S REPEATED QUESTIONS ABOUT CONCRETE EXAMPLES
OF KIND OF HELP GOP MIGHT ASK FOR, CAMPINOS GAVE VAGUE
REPLIES, EMPHASIZING SYMBOLISM OF ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS LACK OF
CURRENT STATISTICAL DATA ON WHICH PORTUGUESE COULD BASE
PROGRAMS AND AID REQUESTS. ON AID, SPIRO SAID THAT DAYS
OF MARSHAL PLAN OR ANYTHING LIKE IT WERE OVER, THAT
EVEN IF ADMINISTRATION FAVORED SUCH AID FOR PORTUGAL,
CONGRESS OVER RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY COOL
TO PROVIDING FOREIGN AID AND WOULD TAKEN CONSIDERABLE
CONVINCING TO APPROVE ANY SIZEABLE AID PROGRAM FOR
PORTUGAL. CAMPINOS FELT THAT CONGRESS MIGHT REACT
FAVORABLY TO FACT THAT AID IS NEEDED TO ENABLE PORTUGUESE
DEMOCRATIC EXPERIMENT TO SUCCEED, TO ENABLE PORTUGAL
TO SERVE AS WESTERN LINK WITH FORMER COLONIES, AND,
PARTICULARLY, TO HELP PORTUGAL SURVIVE THE EFFECTS OF
HAVING ADOPTED THE SELF-DETERMINATION POLICY IN AFRICA
LONG URGED BY THE US.

5. CAMPINOS MADE NO MENTION OF AZORES. SCOTT

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